

Decision No. 43341

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ARVIN LINE to remove a restriction) Application No. 30470
and for an alternate route.)

O P I N I O N

Arvin Line has requested removal of a restriction, imposed by Decision No. 41868, in Application No. 29100, against local passenger stage service between Mojave and Beecher's Corners and intermediate points along its route between Bakersfield and Barstow via U. S. Highways 466 and 91. Authority is also sought to establish an alternate route west of Boron and north of U. S. Highway 466, via Gephard and Suckow Roads, to the Pacific Coast Borax Company properties (Boron Mine), thence returning to U. S. Highway 466 via Boron Avenue.

The local service restriction between Mojave and Beecher's Corners was imposed at the request of Los Angeles Trona Stages, Inc., acceded to by applicant, in order to protect the former's operations between Lancaster and Beecher's Corners via Mojave and Muroc Junction. By a recent decision (Decision No. 43192, Application No. 30378) Los Angeles Trona Stages, Inc. was authorized to reroute its service so as to eliminate Mojave while retaining the portion between Muroc Junction and Beecher's Corners. As a result, Los Angeles Trona Stages, Inc. no longer operates along applicant's route between Mojave and Muroc Junction and, to that extent, has withdrawn its protest against lifting of the restriction. Applicant has agreed that the restriction may be continued in effect between Muroc Junction and Beecher's Corners. Proposed rates from

(1)
Mojave are indicated below.

The alternate route sought by applicant is about twelve miles long and is designed to provide transportation for employees of Pacific Coast Borax Company who are without public means of transportation. Applicant alleges it has received numerous requests for the service from both mine officials and employees. Passenger fares between Mojave and the Boron Mine would be 80 cents one way and \$1.50 for a round trip, with baggage and express carried at existing tariff rates. Los Angeles Trona Stages, Inc. originally protested this part of the application also, but since that carrier no longer operates through Mojave its service would not appear to be injuriously affected by applicant's proposal.

We find that public convenience and necessity will be subserved by removing, between Mojave and Muroc Junction, the restriction imposed by Decision No. 41868 against applicant's local service east of Mojave. We also find that public convenience and necessity require passenger stage service between Mojave and Boron Mine, as proposed in the application. To the extent herein indicated, therefore, the application will be granted. A public hearing will not be necessary.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed and considered, the Commission being fully advised and basing its order upon the findings and conclusions contained in the foregoing opinion,

	<u>One Way</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
(1) Mojave - Beecher's Corners	\$1.00	\$1.80
Mojave - Kramer	.90	1.75
Mojave - Boron	.80	1.50
Baggage and express to be carried at present tariff rates.		

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the first ordering paragraph of Decision No. 41511, in Application No. 29100, as amended by Decision No. 41868 adding a restriction upon the passenger stage operations of Arvin Line between Mojave and Beecher's Corners, be and it is hereby further amended by modifying said restriction so as to read as follows:

"The foregoing certificate is granted subject to the restriction that no passengers, baggage or express may be transported which have both origin and destination in the area lying between Muroc Junction and Beecher's Corners. Service may be provided from points in the restricted area to points outside the restricted area or from points outside the restricted area to points inside the restricted area."

(2) That the description of applicant's route appearing in ordering paragraph 2(c) of Decision No. 41511, as amended by Decision No. 42371, be and it is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following alternate route:

"Commencing at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 466 and Gephard Road five miles west of Boron, thence via Gephard Road and Suckow Road to the Boron Mine of Pacific Coast Borax Company, thence via Boron Avenue to U. S. Highway No. 466, and return via the reverse of said route."

(3) That within 60 days after the effective date hereof and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79 and 80 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and time tables.

(4) That except to the extent herein granted, the application of Arvin Line is in all other respects denied.

The effective date of this order shall be 20 days after
the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th
day of September, 1949.

Justus P. Casner
San Francisco
Harold H. Kula
Herbert H. Potter
COMMISSIONERS